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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 412
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges on the special occasion of the "Lights for Peace" candlelighting ceremony.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable organizations that have dedicated their efforts to improving both their local communities and the greater global community; and

WHEREAS, the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Lodges are two such worthy organizations deserving of the recognition of this body, their "Lights for Peace" ceremony is a commendable endeavor that seeks to bring together all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, with the beginning of the highly acclaimed new millennium, these noteworthy groups seek to draw upon their own meritorious aims of friendship, love, and truth, in order to share their principles of faith, hope, and charity with their neighbors and with the world; and

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WHEREAS, as globally active fellowships, the candlelighting ceremonies will take place in nearly 5000 communities throughout North America, Europe, and Australasia during the month of January 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Lodges of Davidson County have designated January 29, 2000 as the date for their "Lights for Peace" ceremony; the groups invite all members and Nashvillians to participate with them in the lighting of candles as a symbol of world peace; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows strives to instill accountability in its members for the success of society, and to give friendship, show love, and search for the truth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the fine people of the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Lodges for their commendable efforts to bring about peace the world over, through the "Lights for Peace" ceremonies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge all Nashvillians to partake in this most worthy cause.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.